GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7402
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PURCHASE OF TOBACCO BY STC
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco purchased by the State Trading Corporation (STC) in April, 2000 from the tobacco growers;

(b) whether STC is not paying good prices for tobacco to growers;

(c) whether STC have got any export orders for tobacco presently;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to create a separate cell to obtain regular export orders for purchase of tobacco by STC?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) STC has purchased 1,75,601 kg of tobacco in A.P. auctions in April, 2000.

(b) STC is paying good prices.

(c)&(d) STC`s efforts are on to secure export orders;

(e) No such steps have been taken by the Government.